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SUBJECT: CHINA STARS SONG ENSEMBLE

REF A. TAIPEI 3952 B. SULLIVAN-GLEYSTEN TELCONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: WE APPARENTLY HAVE GROC AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE IN DELAYING CHINA STARS GROUP. END SUMMARY.

2. DCM CALLED ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TSAI WEI-PING JUNE 22. IN FRIENDLY, BUT EXTREMELY BLUNT PRESENTATION HE CONVEYED SITUATION AS DISCUSSED SULLIVAN-GLEYSTEN TELECONS. DCM MADE ESPECIALLY CLEAR THAT OUR OFFICIAL CONCERN WAS INTENSIFIED BY APPARENT DIRECT GROC INVOLVEMENT THROUGH CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND THAT FAILURE TO COOPERATE COULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS FOR GROC.

3. AFTER NOTING THAT GROUP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT US BEFORE JULY 15, DCM SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR GROC AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE IN DELAY AND TO INSTRUCT CONSUL GENERAL NEW YORK AND EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO ASSIST. TSAI INITIALLY EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS-ESPECIALLY TO NEW YORK. WHEN PRESSED HE FINALLY AGREED TO INFORM NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON THAT MOFA UNDERSTANDS GROUP WILL NOT BE IN US IN TIME TO PERFORM AND ASK THEM TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING DELAY IN PERFORMANCES UNTIL AFTER JULY 15. TSAI CONTINUED TO EXPRESS

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CONCERN OVER LAWYER IN US AND OINTED OUT THAT THERE IS

NO GUARANTEE LAWYER FOR GROUP IN US WILL COME TO AGREEMENT.
ALTHOUGH HE SAID WORDING OF MOFA INSTRUCTIONS TO WASHINGTON AND
NEW YORK WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARED WITH FONMIN, TSAI DID
NOT USE THIS TO QUALIFY HIS COMMITMENT TO DCM.

4. FYI EMBASSY RECEIVED CALL FROM ELMER FRIED MORNIN
JUNE 22 WHO SAID PROMOTERS WANT TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY
PERFORMANCES HAD TO BE CANCELLED, I.E., STATE DEPARTMENT HAS
FORCED CANCELLATION BECAUSE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES. HE
ADDED ONE OF PROMOTERS OF CHINA STARS GROUP HAS LABOR
CONNECTIONS AND IS THREATENING TO PICKET PRC PERFORMANCES.
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